GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Production of Generic Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that India is the leading country in the production of generic medicines and various countries are getting benefits from India;

(b) if so, the reasons why the generic medicines are not cheap as compared to branded medicines in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide cheap life saving generic medicines to the States/Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): Yes, Madam. India is one of the leading countries in the production of generic medicines which are being supplied to various countries including developed countries like USA.

(b): The prices of generic medicines are generally cheaper when compared to branded medicines in the country.

(c) & (d): The Government has launched the "Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana" (PMJAY) with the objective to make available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to all through special outlets known as "Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras" (PMJAK). It proposes to open 3000 such stores across the country by the end of March, 2017. As on date, 534 such stores have been opened in the country.

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